States/UTs have been given flexibility to apportion the amount of Rs. 300/200/20 among various types of expenditure, for carrying out Tubectomy Vasectomy/IUD insertions.

(c) Funds under this scheme are released to the States and Union Territories on quarterly basis, in advance, based on the performance in the corresponding period of the previous year.

**Casual staff in AIIMS**

19. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casual staff working in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS);

(b) since when they have been working;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to regularise such staff; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) At present 1260 casual staff in Group-D are working in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. They have been working for the last 2—6 years.

(c) and (d) The casual staff are being considered for regularisation against the vacant or newly created posts according to the recruitment rules and the Hon'ble High Court order dated 2nd February, 1999. 418 casual staff have been regularised in accordance with the policy laid down by the High Court.